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SUBJECT: CSCE: RESIDENT FOREIGN BUSINESSMAN

1. EXACTLY ONE YEAR AFTER GOB BEGAN PERMITTING
FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN TO ESTABLISH OFFICES IN BULGARIA
UNDER DETAILED GOB REGULATIONS, SOME FOUR OR FIVE
FIRMS' REPRESENTATIVES ARE RESIDENT IN SOFIA,
INCLUDING REPS OF SHELL, ICI, AND SEVERAL JAPANESE
FIRMS. FIAT AND VOLVO ALSO REPORTEDLY PLAN TO SET
UP SOON.

2. ONE, AT LEAST, SEEMS TO HAVE COME A CROPPER AND
NOW INTENDS TO PROTEST ON PAPER, WITH REFERENCES
TO CSCE FINAL ACT. ROGER HART,
REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGLO-DUTCH IMPERIAL CHEMICAL
INDUSTRIES (ICI), TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 7 THAT HIS
COMPANY HAS JUST HAD LAST STRAW PILED ON. A WEEK
AGO, HE ARRIVED AT OFFICE TO FIND THAT HIS EMPLOYEE
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DEALING WITH CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, A DOCTOR OF GYNECOLOGY,

HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO BRIGADE (MANUAL LABOR) DUTY FOR
NEXT 45 DAYS, DURING WHICH ICI WAS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE
HIS (HIGH) SALARY (OF WHICH GOB TAKES A HEALTHY
PORTION.) HIS VERBAL PROTESTS HAVE HAD NO EFFECT.

3. HART ALSO PLANS TO PROTEST EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
LIVING CONDITIONS HE AND HIS WIFE AND TWO SMALL
CHILDREN HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN SOFIA AS CONTRARY TO
"BUSINESS CONTACTS AND FACILITIES" PORTION OF FINAL
ACT. (GOB HAVE PUT HARTS IN BUILDING WITH NO HEAT AT
ALL AND ONLY OCCASIONAL RUNNING WATER, AS SOFIA WINTER
PROCEEDS.)
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